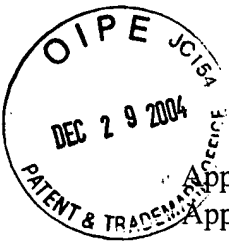


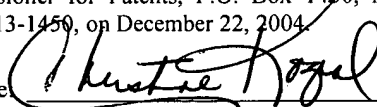
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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a "Amendment A" for this application.

The Applicants are other than a small entity.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

The Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. This conditional petition is being made, however, to provide for the possibility that the Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining	Highest No. Paid For	Extra	Small Entity	Large Entity
Total	48	53	0 x	\$ 25 = \$	\$ 50 = \$ 0
Independent	6	6	0 x	\$ 100 = \$	\$ 200 = \$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				\$ 180 = \$	\$ 360 = \$ 0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					\$ 0

There is no additional fee for claims.

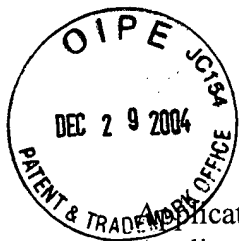
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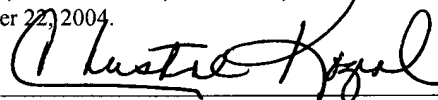
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**AMENDMENT "A"**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by December 22, 2004, and this response is being filed within that time period. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.